WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication system, comprising:

(a) a first device for transmitting warning information indicating that a status to be warned is detected; and

(b) a second device for warning of the status of said first device based on the warning information,

wherein said first device determines whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to said second device and, if the status to be warned has not been released, said first device transmits the warning information to devices other than said second device.

2. The system according to claim 1, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said first device broadcasts the warning information.

3. The system according to claim 1, wherein:

the warning information includes at least one of images, characters and voices.

4. The system according to claim 1, wherein:

a digital network connecting said first device with said second device conforms to the IEEE1394-1995 standard.

5. The system according to claim 1, wherein:

said second device has an on mode and a sleep mode consuming less power than the on mode and, upon receiving the warning information in the sleep mode, changes to the on mode.

6. The system according to claim 1, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said first device further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held terminals connected to an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority sequence.

7. A method for controlling a communication system, comprising the steps of:

(a) transmitting warning information indicating that a status to be warned is detected from a first device to a second device;

(b) executing warning of the status of said first device based on the warning information; and

(c) determining whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to said second device and, if the status to be warned has not been released, transmitting the warning information to a device other than said second device.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said first device broadcasts the warning information.

9. The method according to claim 7, wherein

the warning information includes at least one of an image, a characters and voice.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein:

a digital network connecting said first device and said second device conforms to the IEEE1394-1995 standard.

11. The method according to claim 7, wherein:

said second device has an on mode and a sleep mode consuming less power than the on mode and, upon receiving the warning information in the sleep mode, changes to the on mode.

12. The method according to claim 7, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said first device further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held terminals connected to an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority sequence.

Sub a1 13. An electronic device, comprising:

(a) detecting means for detecting a status to be warned;

(b) transmitting means for transmitting warning information indicating that the status to be warned has been detected to a predetermined device connected to a digital network; and

(c) controlling means for determining whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to the predetermined device,

wherein, if the status to be warned has not been released, said transmitting means transmits the warning information to a device other than said predetermined device.

14. The device according to claim 13, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said electronic device broadcasts the warning information to the digital network.

15. The device according to claim 13, wherein:

the warning information includes at least one of an image, a character and voice.

16. The device according to claim 13, wherein:

said digital network conforms to the IEEE1394-1995 standard.

17. The device according to claim 13, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said electronic device further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held terminals connected to an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority sequence.

18. A method for controlling an electronic device, comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a status to be warned;

(b) transmitting warning information indicating that the status to be warned has been detected to a predetermined device connected to a digital network;

(c) determining whether the status to be warned has been released or not after transmitting the warning information to the predetermined device; and

(d) if the status to be warned has not been released, transmitting the warning information to a device other than the predetermined device.

19. The method according to claim 18, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, the warning information is broadcast to the digital network.

20. The method according to claim 18, wherein:

the warning information includes at least one of

an image, a character and voice.

21. The method according to claim 18, wherein:

said digital network conforms to the IEEE1394-1995 standard.

22. The method according to claim 18, wherein:

if the status to be warned has not been released, said electronic device further transmits the warning information to a plurality of hand-held terminals connected to an external network in accordance with a predetermined priority sequence.